DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Palo Alto Health Care System 3801 Miranda Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94304



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY, FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEASE AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SAN JOSE COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

AGENCY: U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued for the lease and construction of a new Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in San Jose, California.

The proposed action is a VA property lease located at 5855 Silver Creek Valley Place, San Jose, California. VA would enter into a build-to-suit lease agreement with a selected developer who would design and build a new 72,000 square foot CBOC to VA standards and consistent with local planning regulations, which would then be leased to the VA.

The EA evaluated the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on the human environment resulting from VA's proposed action. The proposed action and a no action alternative were considered. Based on information gathered during preparation of the EA, VA finds that implementation of the proposed action would not have a significant impact on the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FONSI and EA addressing this action may be obtained by interested parties at http://www.paloalto.va.gov/resplanning.asp or by contacting the VAPAHCS Office of Facility Planning and Development, ATTN: Ronald Bochenek, 3801 Miranda Avenue (720A), Palo Alto, CA 94304. Phone: (650) 814-2866. Email: ronald.bochenek@va.gov.